

**Flathead County
EMS Advisory Committee
April 5th 2010**

Attendees:

Craig Williams, EVFD
Scott Rossman, WVFR
Robin Sticka, BFA
Lance Westgard, TREMS
Chuck Curry, ALERT
Amy Metcalfe, WFEMS
Rodney Dresbach, WVFR
Doug Scarff, SVFD
Cody Westgard, Canyon QRU
Peggy Miller, WFD
Kris Long, WFEMS

Russell Sappington, WVFR
Tom Kennelly, WFD
John Beaubien, BFA
John Leach, MVFD
Rocco Altobelli, ALERT
Art Bielz, SVFD
Kim Diehl, WVFR
Amanda Norenberg, FCEMS
Lela Sistok, WFD
Mary Granger, LSQRU
Bill Tidwell, Creston FD

Called to order at 6:05

Minutes approved for last meeting

Review of the bylaws

Clarification of voting specifics: Every agency will have one vote, by an agency designee and one alternate. Voting will be based on majority. By next meeting, a designee will be named. The Chairpersons will not have a vote unless a tie has evolved.

Training committee report: Rocco Antobelli

Meeting date: 3-26-2010

The training committee has developed a training schedule through FVCC. The committee is moving forward with new ideas and fresh ways of learning. The committee would like to develop some new internet options and provide what the users will need, and asked for input for future endeavors.

Operations Committee report: John Leach

Meeting date: 3-29-2010

Attending were Mark Peck, Mary Granger, Chuck Curry, John Leach, Kris Long and Amanda Norenberg.

Discussion began with identifying the objectives of this subcommittee which concluded with the consensus that its purpose is to develop proposals on operational projects for the EMS Advisory Committee. Second Item of discussion is a distribution matrix developed by Mary Granger for the EMS mill levies. Discussion followed and it was approved to be brought to the EMS Advisory Committee. Third subject of discussion was the potential closing of Big Fork Ambulance on or around April 4, 2010. Discussion proceeded with several ideas to help cover the area temporarily by extending coverage from Lakeside QRU, Creston Fire, West Flathead EMS and the possibility of using the Flathead county vehicle purchased for Tim Soule as an aid car to rendezvous on days that Alert could not fly. Consensus was reached to try and facilitate a meeting with Bigfork Ambulance to get accurate information on the

situation while continuing to build a backup plan if they do indeed go out of service. Mark Peck and Mary Granger will be arranging this meeting. The meeting concluded with a plan to meet again on 4/12/2010 at 8 am, at the new 911 center.

Final Input of response area maps:

Some changes made regarding Evergreen and Lakeside and will bring West Valley on in the next CAD upgrade.

EMS managers report:

Tim Soule is no longer with the Office of Emergency Services. Mark Peck would like to see the Advisory committee move forward with the momentum it has. Scott Sampey is the new OES Director and will begin May 1st. He comes with many strengths and a background in EMS. The EMS Managers position will be advertised once Sampey is on board.

Medical Directors Report:

Dr. Briles was at the BOME protocol sub-committee, there were many changes and will be posted on the state website soon. He explained the protocols will be very similar but much shorter. Dr. Briles intends to adopt the State protocols with some possible tweaks for the county. There is a possibility in the future to except a pain protocol that will include pre-loaded IM morphine injections. Dr. Briles has reservations but may choose a few units on a trial basis that would benefit from this protocol. It would have to become a proposal to the state that includes training and proposed protocol. More to come.....

Big Fork update:

Big Fork Ambulance is having a hard time filling the schedule. The County is aware of this issue and had a meeting with all surrounding agencies. This meeting was to build a plan in the case that Bigfork cannot respond. All agencies are supportive and have no problem picking up the slack when needed. At this time John Beaubian expressed the Agency is staffed through the next couple of weeks and is looking in to recruitment. The agency is staying positive and has no desire to fail.

Funding Formula Proposal:

The Committee voted by majority to recommend:

Recommended by Flathead County EMS User Advisory Committee

April 5, 2010

1 mil – To be used for Administration of Program and Education

1 mil – To be divided among the EMS Medical Units (Transport Units and QRU's) as a base rate

1 mil - To be divided among the EMS Medical Units (Transport Units and QRU's) according to run volume.

1 mil – We reserved \$5000 for each Licensed Non Transport Unit Total = \$25,000

We divided the remaining amount of the 1 mil by the 11 transport Units

$214,000 - 25,000 = 189,000$

\$189,000 divided by 11 = \$17, 181 This would be the base allotment for each Transport Agency

1 mil - We divided \$214,000 by 6,600 total responses for the county for all the transport agencies.

These totals do not include routine/contracted inter-facility transports.

$\$214,000 \text{ divided by } 6,600 = \32.00 per call.

If adjustments are made from these figures we would like the adjustment to be taken from the \$214,000 first and then the formula applied to the remaining figures.

Goals Identified by the EMS User Committee

Education: Funded and supported by the County to support EMS agencies.

Quality Care for all residents of the Flathead County.

Standardization among the EMS Agencies: i.e. One Medical Director, Protocols, Training,

BLS First Responders to each person in the Flathead County ASAP

BLS Transport to each person in the Flathead County ASAP

Supplemental public funding source that is reliable and equitable.

Units that are Self-Sufficient: Able to not have to rely on larger agencies for transport.

Eventual ALS Response to each person in the Flathead County ASAP

Future Agenda items:

Run card draft review

Possible contracts/draft

John Ungaretti billing questions

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00p

